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Mr. MAX CHERRY, 3542 Purdue, Dallas, Texas, advised he met JACK L. BOWEN, also known as John Caesar Grossi, in June, 1963, through DONALD DAWSON at the Stork Club in Dallas, Texas. He said BOWEN worked for the Jergens-Chiles-Stovall Company in Dallas under the name of JACK L. BOWEN which name he assumed after his release from Leavenworth Penitentiary.

He said JACK told him that LEE HARVEY OSWALD worked for a very short time at the Jergens-Chiles-Stovall Company and he recalled that JACK BOWEN did not become interested in the import-export business until December, 1963, which was after the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas. He said it was his belief that BOWEN had never discussed the import-export business with OSWALD in view of the foregoing information.

Mr. CHERRY said that JACK BOWEN rented a check protector and a portable typewriter in the name of the Cherry Cattle Company and he produced an invoice No. 3719 from the S. L. Ewing Company, Inc., Dallas Typewriter Exchange, which showed the check protector to be a "F & E" brand, Serial No. 505185, and a Royal portable typewriter, Serial No. SA-5-321025, "Executive" model. The invoice indicated one month's rental had been paid in the amount of \$25.50 with a check signed JACK L. BOWEN drawn on the Empire State Bank in Dallas. BOWEN furnished a telephone number of EM 3-1246 which is the telephone number of Mr. CHERRY and another telephone number EM 3-1542 which Mr. CHERRY determined was the unlisted number of the University Park Police in Dallas and he said the University Park Police recovered the check protector and typewriter from PAULINE GRIFFIN ALLEN's car on the Wednesday after JACK got the typewriter, namely January 29, 1964.

Mr. CHERRY said that JACK "got the best" of Mrs. ALLEN to the tune of a \$300 insufficient funds check and about \$1,000 worth of gasoline purchases through the use of a credit card which Mrs. ALLEN had given him (JACK BOWEN). He said he knew JACK went to New York City in December and returned to Dallas in late December then he presumably went to Chihuahua, Mexico, and from there he returned to Dallas about January 12, 1964, where he remained until he made the deal for the typewriter and check protector and he has not seen JACK L. BOWEN since the typewriter deal but talked to him on the telephone and JACK wanted to leave the typewriter and check protector with him and he refused to let him bring them by so he presumed he left them in Mrs. ALLEN's car where the University Park Police found them.

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She observed a photograph of JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, also known as JACK L. BOWEN, which was taken in April of 1956 and said it was unquestionably a photograph of a person she knew as JACK LESLIE BOWEN.

She advised he had the following associates and acquaintances in the Dallas area:

MAX CHERRY, owner of the Cherry Cattle Company;

JOHN MC KAUCHAN, who is in the Advertising Department of Braniff Airways in Dallas;

Mr. and Mrs. MC CULLOM, who operate the Colonial Mutual Insurance Company at 3303 Worth Avenue in Dallas;

GARY LAWLER, who resides at 3225 Seavers Street in Oak Cliff, Dallas, where his telephone number is FR 4-5305, and a Mrs. HOPE MOSS, who lives on Williamsburg Road, exact address unknown.

She said he drove a 1963 or 1964 bronze metallic Pontiac Grand Prix bearing 1963 Texas License PU 6932. She described him as white male American, born in 1927; 6 feet, 1 to 2 inches tall; 200 pounds; light blue eyes; two moles on the right side of his face; characteristics: soft spoken, good dresser and appeared to have cultural background.

She said if she learned of his current whereabouts she would immediately notify the FBI.

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